GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

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CONVERSION OF UTILISED BULK TERMINAL INTO CONTAINER TERMINAL
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to convert the utilised bulk terminal into container terminal of ILHP with the involvement of private sector using BOT format;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Workers` Unions are against this move; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a) & (b) After taking into account the downward trend in bulk cargo traffic during the last few years and remote prospects for growth in bulk cargo traffic in future at Jawaharlal Nehru Port and the substantial potential for growth in container traffic in ports in future, a decision has been taken to re-develop the existing Bulk Terminal at Jawaharlal Nehru Port, and not ILHP as mentioned in Part (a) of the question, into Container Terminal. The Government has, in principle, approved the re-development of the Bulk Terminal on BOT basis.

(c) & (d) The Workers` Unions are opposed to the proposal to convert Bulk Terminal into Container Terminal on BOT basis. Encouragement of private participation in port sector with a view to induct private capital and expertise in developing and operating port facilities is a part of the liberalization policy of the Government. In this regard, Government have issued guidelines, which envisage that the interest of the existing labour will be fully protected while allowing private participation.